Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know, Sir, whether it is only after ascertaining this experimental class that you propose to appoint other teachers and open fresh classes?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—For the time being, it is thought that we should watch the experimental class at Trichur and then decide.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Has Mr. Pandalai accepted the offer, the teachership in the Trichur Commercial School?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He has not formally accepted the offer. So that he may accept the offer formally, request is to go from here officially. Then only we can say he formally accepted the offer.

100. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government kindly say whethr they propose to appoint teachers in State Schools to teach Malayalam Short-hand?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to question No. 99.

Petition of Mr. Pandalai, inventor of Malayalam Short-hand, etc.

101 Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have received a petition from Mr. Pandalai of Travancore, the inventor of short-hand and type-writing in Malayalam;

(b) what was the prayer of the petition;

(c) how did the Government dispose of it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Without more particulars about the petition referred to, the information asked for cannot, it is regretted, be supplied.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether more than one petition was received from Mr. Pandalai of Travancore?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot say without looking into the records.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—It could have been easily found out.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was very difficult to find out from the files whether petitions were received, since no particulars with regard to the matter have been supplied by the Member.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The petition referring to the request that the type-writers invented by him may be purchased by the Government.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If the Member gives at least more particulars about this, we can find it out a little more easily.

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The petition will only naturally refer to something on typewriting or shorthand in Malayalam. It can be easily found out.

President.—If he has really sent the petition, we shall be able to know how the Government has disposed of it. When was the petition sent, this year or last year?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I shall put a more specific question next time.

President.—I remember to have seen the petition of Mr. Pandalai for the purpose of typewriting machines or so.

Road connecting Vadakkancheri and Enkakkad.

102. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a petition has been presented to the Diwan while camping at Vadakkancheri in 1101 Kumbham by the inhabitants of Enkakkad Village praying for the opening of a road connecting Vadakkancheri with Enkakkad;

(b) was there any previous petition presented by the people in regard to the same matter;

(c) has anything been done regarding this so far;

(d) if the answer is in the negative, why is it there has been such unusual delay in such an important matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The matter was enquired into by the P. W. Department. For a direct route between Vadakkancheri and Enkakkad, Government think that it is necessary only to make a foot-path in continuation of the R. C. foot-bridge built by the local Panchayat. But they find that the foot-path need be made only after the cart track leading from Ottupara and passing over the R. C. bridge has been improved. The latter work which is estimated to cost between 10 and 15 thousands of rupees had to be put off for want of funds.

(d) Please see answer above. The foot-path is not considered very urgent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—To the question "Was there any previous petition presented by the people in regard to the same matter," that is, the opening of a road between Vadakkancheri and Enkakkad, the answer is 'yes'. When was the last petition received, not the one of 1101 Kumbham, but the previous one?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Three petitions were received in 1913, 1916 and 1917.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So it commenced so long agoas 1089?

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